

**SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Summary of Action**  
**May 9, 2011**

The School Budget Review Committee met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the Department of Education, ICN Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

**1. Iowa City Community School District.**

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$116,315 for the cost of asbestos abatement and in the amount of \$830,237 for initial staffing of a new school building, for a total of \$946,552.

**2. West Central Valley Community School District.**

Approved use of the unexpended fund balance for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$697,667 to complete construction of facilities approved by the voters and approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$47,892 for asbestos removal. If any amount of the \$697,667 is not used for the construction costs submitted to the SBRC, that amount shall be reverted to its former state as unexpended general fund balance.

**3. Western Dubuque Community School District.**

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$1,042,025 for furnishing a new school building, tabled the request for \$380,000 in initial staffing costs for a new school building until actual costs are known and for \$261,775 for loss of miscellaneous income, and denied modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$91,775 for increased preschool enrollment.

**4. Prairie Valley Community School District.**

Received the corrective action plan progress report and denied modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$111,540 as part of its corrective action plan. Recommended that the district return in FY12 with a revised corrective action plan and to consider requesting modified allowable growth at that time.

**5. Exira Community School District.**

Approved modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$12,751 for IRS, Department of Revenue, and IPERS penalties and interest and denied modified allowable growth for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$117,933 as part of its corrective action plan. Recommended that the district return in FY12 with a revised corrective action plan after receipt of the fiscal desk review and to consider requesting modified allowable growth at that time.

**6. Returning Dropout/Dropout Prevention Program Amendments.**

Approved the amended requests for modified allowable growth for the 2011-2012 school year for the districts that have received approval of applications or amended applications for Returning Dropout and Dropout Prevention programs after the hearing in March 2011.

**7. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Hearing Schedule.**

Set the dates for required hearing sessions for fiscal year 2011-2012 as:

- Wednesday, October 5, 2011
- Monday, December 12, 2011
- Monday, March 19, 2012

Set a two-day new member orientation and work session on August 9 & 10, 2011.

**8. Committee Informational Items.** Received a progress report on the desk reviews of Clay Central-Everly CSD and of Exira CSD. Both reviews are being staffed and an on-site visit to the Clay Central-Everly district is planned for late May. Informed that the cash reserve levy limits and excess levies would be provided at the first hearing session in the fall. Due to the uncertainty of allowable growth, it was anticipated that the levy requests could change for many districts before budgets are finalized, making action in May impractical.